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Applicant: Yoshirou YAMAZAKI Conf.: 2983
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For: IMAGE READING METHOD AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 3, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An image reading method, comprising the steps of:

reading photoelectrically an original image with an image sensor by separating it into

three primary colors; and

converting image signals of the three primary colors outputted from the image sensor into digital signals,

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